Statutory dues of public sector employees

794. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers headed by the Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Shri K.C. Pant, to decide on the question of clearing the statutory dues of public sector employees, has taken any decision on the issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest position of the statutory dues on account of wages, salaries and other dues owed by public sector companies?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) to (c) The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission to suggest ways and means to liquidate outstanding dues of the employees of CPSUs and the GoM is yet to make their final recommedations. As on 31.12.2002, there were 60 central PSUs having total outstanding dues of Rs. 1904.77 crore out of which statutory dues were of the order of Rs. 1629.94 crore and salaries and wages dues were Rs. 274.83 crore.

Losses in PSUs

†795. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many industrial institutions of public sector are continuously running in losses since many years;

(b) if so, the numbers thereof alongwith their losses by March, 2003;

(c) the number of institutions whose losses have exceeded the investment made therein by March; 2003; and

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